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# REPORT ON THE FILING OR DETERMINATION OF AN ACTION REGARDING A PATENT OR TRADEMARK

In Compliance with 35 § 290 and/or 15 U.S.C. § 1116 you are hereby advised that a court action has been

filed in the U.S. Dis	strict Court Northern D	istrict of Califo	rnia on the following	X Patents or	☐ Trademarks:	
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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 MBM | Jeffer Mangels Burter & Mitchell LD 12 SEALANT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, UC 13 INC. COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY 14 Plaintiff. RELIEF 15 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** v. 16 TEK GLOBAL S.R.L. 17 Defendant. 18 Plaintiff Sealant Systems International, Inc. ("SSI" or "Plaintiff") states and alleges 19 for its Complaint against Defendants TEK Global S.R.L. ("TEK" or "Defendant") as follows: 20 NATURE OF ACTION 21 22 1. This action arises under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201, et seq. This claim is for a Declaratory Judgment declaring that U.S. Patent No. 7,789,110 23 (the "'110 Patent"), entitled "Kit for Inflating and Repairing Inflatable Articles, in Particular 24 25 Tyres," is not infringed by SSI and is invalid under United States Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 1, et seq. **PARTIES** 26 At all times mentioned herein, Plaintiff SSI is engaged in the manufacturing of 27 3. onboard tire repair systems. SSI is a California corporation with its principal place of business in 28 PRINTED ON

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4. At all times mentioned herein, Defendant TEK is an Italian limited liability company having an office and place of business at Via Icaro No. 11, Pesaro (PU) Italy.

### **JURISDICTION**

- 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), 2201, and 2202. There is an actual case and controversy within this Court's jurisdiction regarding non-infringement and invalidity of the '110 Patent.
- 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over TEK, an Italian limited liability company because, among other things, (a) TEK sent various communications to SSI at its California headquarters alleging infringement of the '110 Patent, and (b) on information and belief, TEK frequently sells product to American Honda Motor Co. Inc., a California corporation.
  - 7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(d).
- 8. At all times mentioned herein, on information and belief, TEK owns the '110 Patent.

  A true and correct copy of the '110 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 9. On November 2, 2009, TEK sent SSI a letter to its California headquarters claiming that SSI's automatic tire repair system infringed several of TEK's United States Published Patent Applications, including the Patent Application which corresponds to the '110 Patent, No. 2008/0029181. A true and correct copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 10. The letter attached two US Patent Application Publications and claimed that once the patent applications were granted, TEK would be entitled to compensation from SSI.
- On November 22, 2010, TEK sent SSI another letter to its California headquarters notifying SSI that it had filed suit against SSI for patent infringement, and attached the complaint. A true and correct copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 12. In fact, on November 10, 2010, TEK filed suit against SSI in the United States

  District Court Southern District of New York, case number 10 CIV 8757 (AKH) (the "Patent

  Infringement Action"). SSI will be moving to dismiss the Patent Infringement Action for lack of
  personal jurisdiction.
  - 13. Under these circumstances, there is a substantial controversy between TEK and SSI.

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In light of TEK's Patent Infringement Action, this controversy is of sufficient immediacy and reality to justify the issuance of a declaratory judgment regarding the parties' respective rights as they relate to the alleged infringement and validity of the claims of the '110 Patent.

# CAUSES OF ACTION

### **COUNT ONE**

# DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF NON-INFRINGEMENT

- SSI repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 13 above, and 14. incorporates those allegations herein by this reference.
- SSI's product does not infringe, either directly, indirectly, by contribution, or by 15. inducement, or in any other way, any claim of the '110 Patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, willfully or otherwise.
- Based on TEK's filing of the Patent Infringement Action and TEK's correspondence 16. asserting that it is entitled to compensation from SSI based on the allegation that '110 Patent covers SSI's automatic tire repair system, there is a justiciable controversy between the parties regarding the non-infringement of the '110 Patent by SSI, and SSI is entitled to a declaratory judgment that will finally resolve this issue.
- 17. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201 et seq., SSI requests a declaration by the Court that it does not infringe either directly, indirectly, by contribution, or by inducement, or in any other way, any claim of the '110 Patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, willfully or otherwise.

## **COUNT TWO**

### DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY

- SSI repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 17 above, and 18. incorporates those allegations herein by this reference.
- 19. On information and belief, the claims of the '110 Patent are invalid for failure to comply with one or more of the conditions for patentability set forth in the United States Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 100 et seq.
  - Based on TEK's filing of the Patent Infringement Action, there is a justiciable 20.

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controversy between the parties regarding the invalidity of the '110 Patent, and SSI is entitled to a declaratory judgment that will finally resolve this issue. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201 et seq. and 35 21. U.S.C. § 100 et seq., SSI requests a declaration by the Court that the claims of the '110 Patent are invalid. JURY DEMAND Plaintiff demands that all claims and causes of action raised in this Complaint against 22. Defendant be tried to a jury. PRAYER FOR RELIEF WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief: A declaratory judgment that Plaintiff does not infringe and has not infringed, literally 1. or by equivalents, directly or by inducement or contributory infringement, any claim of the '110 Patent; A declaratory judgment that the claims of the '110 Patent are invalid; 2. A judgment finding this case exceptional and awarding Plaintiff its costs and 3. reasonable attorneys' fees under 35 U.S.C. § 285; A judgment awarding Plaintiff such other and/or further relief as is just and 4. equitable. JEFFER MANGELS BUTLER & MITCHELL LLP DATED: February 18, 2011 STANLEY M. GIBSON GREGORY S. CORDREY STANLEY M. GIBSON (Bar No. 162329) Attorneys for Plaintiff SEALANT SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, INC.